



The Children's Corner Howick:

Newsletter April-May 2015

Welcome Back to Term 2!

Staffing Updates

- Cindy is on vacation in Taiwan for the first 3 weeks of term 2 and we will be covering her absence with our usual teachers and also the help of Anbu our previous practicum student.
- Cindy will be attending a Bi-Cultural workshop on the 16th May.
- We welcome practicum student, Rajwinder Gill to our preschool for a 3 week period from Tuesday 21st April.

Taking holidays/absence during term time

We are only able to keep your child's place open at preschool if you are absent for no more than 3 consecutive weeks (this includes during holiday periods) and preschool fees still need to be paid during the period of absence. The reason for this is because the Ministry of Education has rules around child absence which can lead to us not being able to access funding for that particular child.

No access to outdoor play area after 3.15pm

We love that our pre-schoolers and siblings enjoy spending time in our outdoor area after preschool finishes at the end of the day however we are noticing the boisterous play. We are not responsible for the safety of the pre-schoolers after they have been collected by parents and cannot be there to supervise how respectful they are being with preschool equipment. We therefore ask that as soon as you have collected your child you kindly vacate the preschool premises for the day.

New Starters

We welcome Anabelle, Matthew, Cecilia and Liana to our preschool community.

Leavers

Later this term we farewell some of our older children who will be transitioning to primary school. Tahlan (Shelly Park), Indie (Bucklands Beach), Sophie (Bucklands Beach), Eddie (Mellons Bay), Vanessa (Cockle Bay) and Jasmine (Cockle Bay). You will all be missed but it has been our pleasure getting to watch you grow and develop over the years!

Autumn Weather

It seems to have got chilly very quickly! Remember to bring a waterproof jacket for your child, warm jumper/jacket and appropriate hat. Your child is also welcome to bring their slippers to wear indoors. All items should be named please.

Morning Drop Off

Our mat time starts at 8.55am therefore we ask that children are dropped off and settled in time to participate in this important part of our morning routine. If mat time has already started when you arrive we ask that you "drop and go" to avoid disruption.

What's happening this term?

- Anzac Day: Preschool closed Monday 27th April
- Mother's Day Afternoon Tea: 7th May
- Matariki Celebrations (18th June)
- Maori Language Week
- Cultural Lunch: 3rd July

Children's Photographs

Remember you have until the 1st May to order photos from "Maddieaboutyou" at the discounted rate. This is a preschool fundraiser with 10% of sales paid to preschool for the purchase of new resources.

Library Trips

If you have completed a library authorisation form then your child will be able to participate in our monthly trips to Howick library. We take between 8-10 children per trip depending on the number of parent helpers we have. We work on a 1 adult to 2 children ratio. These visits provide an excellent opportunity for our pre-schoolers to connect with the larger community, understand how a library works and choose interesting books to take back to share with their peers. Often the library will have various activities available for our children to get involved in especially around cultural events such as Matariki.

Testimonials

We are collecting testimonials from parents for our website. In particular focused on why they love the Montessori philosophy and the benefits for their child. If you'd like to submit a testimonial we would be extremely grateful. Just e-mail us at thechildrenscorner@gmail.com.

Community Notices

If you run a business or offer a service then feel free to let us know and we can advertise your details in our newsletter for free. Great way to promote yourself within our preschool community!

Contact Details

It's so important that you keep us up to date with any changes to your contact details. So if you've moved, changed telephone numbers or e-mail then let us know. Also remember we need to have current contact details for your child's emergency contacts too.

No Nuts!!

We do not allow lunch items containing nuts at preschool. We have a child with a severe nut allergy which could result in anaphylactic shock should she come into contact with them. Thank you for your consideration.

Medicine

If you would like us to administer prescribed medication to your child please remember to give it to one of our teachers at drop off. We will require you to sign our medicine register to authorise us to give your child this medication whilst at preschool.

Pick Up

Our teachers are contracted to work until 3.30pm so we ask that all children are collected on time as we use the remaining 15 minutes to tidy up and have a team de-briefing. Thank you.